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1. RE PARA 3 REFTTEL, PLEASE INFORM TRAUB, SRS, THIS EMBASSY DOES NOT KNOW WHAT HE IS TALKING ABOUT. ALTHOUGH MISS BAILEY MENTIONED IN GENERAL TERMS LAST JUNE THAT SHE MIGHT WANT TO COME BACK TO MAIRO, NO RPT NO MESSAGE (LET ALONE "REPEATED COMMUNICATIONS") HAS BEEN RECEIVED HERE EITHER FROM HER OR FROM TRAUB RE PROPOSED CAIRO BENEFIT PERFORMANCES. REFTTEL IS FIRST WE HAVE HEARD ABOUT PROPOSAL. IF EGYPTIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON CONTACTED, WE CLEARLY KNOW NOTHING ABOUT IT. HOSNI HAS BEEN OUT OF COUNTRY SINCE OCT 1, BUT AT NO RPT NO TIME INDICATED TO US ANY AWARENESS OF SUCH PROPOSAL.

2. OUR IMMEDIATE REACTION IS THAT PROPOSED DATES ARE NOT VERY GOOD. PRESIDENT AND MRS. SADAT AND FONMIN AND MRS. FAHMY WILL ON OCTOBER 26 BE IN RABAT, WHERE ARAB SUMMIT CONVENES. AFTERWARDS, UNDERSTAND THE PRESIDENT PLANS TO VACATION THERE A FEW DAYS,

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WHILE FAHMYS WILL GO TO TUNIS. DO NOT KNOW EXACT

DATES OF THEIR RETURN, BUT THEIR PRESENCE IN CAIRO
CLEARLY ESSENTIAL FOR MAXIMUM SUCCESS OF ANY SUCH
BENEFIT PERFORMANCES.

3. IN AN EFFORT GET WORD TO MRS. SADAT, AMBASSADOR
HAS JUST TALKED WITH MRS. FAHMY ABOUT THE SUBJECT.
THIS WAS THE FIRST SHE HAD HEARD OF IT. SHE CONFIRMED
BOTH SADATS AND FAHMYS WILL BE OUT OF EGYPT FOR MUCH
OF THE PERIOD PROPOSED FOR THE PERFORMANCES. WHILE
DEEPLY APPRECIATING MISS BAILEY'S INTEREST AND DESIRE TO
BE HELPFUL, MRS. FAHMY EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT A REPLY
CAN BE GIVEN BY OCTOBER 11. SHE HOPES TO SEE MRS. SADAT
THIS EVENING AND WILL AT THAT TIME RAISE MATTER WITH
MRS. SADAT. SHE WILL TRY TO LET US KNOW REACTION
TOMORROW, BUT REITERATED HER CAUTION THAT DATES
PROPOSED FOR PERFORMANCES ARE NOT THE BEST. SHE SURMISED
MRS. SADAT WILL SO INDICATE.

4. WILL ADVISE AS SOON AS WE HEAR MORE. MEANWHILE PLEASE
EXPRESS TO MISS BAILEY, AMBASSADOR'S DEEP APPRECIATION FOR
HER CONTINUING INTEREST, BUT TELL HER THAT REF MESSAGE

IS FIRST NEWSWE HAVE HAD OF HER GENEROUS OFFER. EVEN
IF SUCH PERFORMANCE NOT POSSIBLE IN PERIOD PROPOSED,
AMBASSADOR HOPES THAT MISS BAILEY MAY BE ABLE TO FIND
SOME FUTURE OCCASION IN HER CROWDED SCHEDULE
REVISIT CAIRO FOR THE PURPOSE SHE HAS IN MIND.
ALL OF
US REMEMBER WITH PLEASURE HER SUCCESSFUL VISIT HERE
IN EARLY JUNE AS AMBASSADRESS OF GOODWILL.

5. FYI: DEPT IS, OF COURSE, AWARE OF SERVICING
PROBLEM SUCH A VISIT ON PROPOSED DATES WOULD GIVE
EMBASSY IN VIEW SEVERAL JWGS AND MID-AMERICAN GROUP
WHICH ARE SCHEDULED BE HERE ABOUT SAME TIME. EILTS

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